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SUBJECT: DUTCH DEL TO CND

REF: HAGUE 779 (1974)

1. NETHERLANDS HAS NOT BEEN MEMBER OF CND SINCE 1971 (AND HAS NO INTENTION OF BECOMING ONE). AS IN PAST, HOWEVER, DUTCH WILL SEND OBSERVER DELEGATION TO CND SESSION LATER THIS MONTH. THIS YEAR DEL MAY CONSIST OF AS MANY AS FOUR PERSONS, LISTED BELOW:

(A) ROBERT J. SAMSON, DEPUTY CHIEF OF INSPECTORATE OF MEDICINES, MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

(B) C.W.D. VAN GRUTING, HEAD OF MIN HEALTH SECTION ON DANGEROUS DRUGS (UNDER SAMSOM).

(C) LEENDERT ORANJE, DIRECTOR OF DIVISION ON CONSTITUTIONAL & CRIMINAL LAW, MIN JUSTICE, AND

(D) C.A.W. VAN MEGEN, STAFF MEMBER IN OFFICE FOR FAMILY AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF CULTURE, RECREATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE.

2. ATTENDANCE BY ORANJE IS NOT YET CERTAIN. INDEED, WE GATHER FROM ORANJE THAT JUSTICE MINISTRY'S REPRESENTATION ON DUTCH DEL IS LARGELY DEPENDENT ON WHETHER US DEL PLANS TO RAISE ANY ISSUES BILATERALLY WITH DUTCH AT CND ON WHICH JUSTICE MIN INPUT WOULD BE NECESSARY. (FYI: ORANJE, WHO MET WITH USG OFFICIALS DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN COMPANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF JUSTICE MINISTER, MAY HAVE GOTTEN IMPRESSION THEN THAT ONE

OF US OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE MET, AND WHO WOULD BE ATTENDING FORTHCOMING CND, WAS HOPING TO RESUME TALKS WITH JUSTICE MIN REPS IN GENEVA. END FYI.) ACTION REQUESTED: SO THAT WE MAY INFORM ORANJE, PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER THERE ARE ANY PLANS FOR US DEL TO RAISE IN GENEVA PARTICULAR ISSUES WITH DUTCH MIN JUSTICE REPS.

3. BIOS ON SAMSOM AND VAN GRUTING ARE CONTAINED IN HAGUE 779 (1974) AND ON ORANJE IN HAGUE 032. EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH VAN MEGEN HAVE BEEN LIMITED. HOWEVER, HE STRIKES US AS SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. IN GENERAL AND MOSTLY IN TUNE WITH US THINKING ON NARCOTICS CONTROL. ALL FOUR INDIVIDUALS SPEAK AT LEAST FAIR ENGLISH.
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